

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 391

By Howell

A RESOLUTION to commend and honor Jodi Riggins on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those medical professionals who have wholly devoted themselves to serving others and thereby contributed significantly to the well-being of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Jodi Riggins, a medical professional of the utmost integrity and ability who will be taking her much-deserved retirement this May; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggins is a Physician Assistant Certified who has served the Benton community of Polk County for more than thirty years as a primary care provider at Ocoee Regional Health Corporation's Benton Family Health Care; and

WHEREAS, Benton Family Health Care is a not-for-profit corporation, a Community Health Care system of Federally Qualified Health Centers that receives federal funding to provide primary care medical services to the medically underserved, allowing Jodi Riggins to compassionately care for those who need it most; and

WHEREAS, ever a servant-hearted leader, Mrs. Riggins helped launch the Good Samaritan Clinic in Cleveland, which has provided free medical services to the public since the early 1990s; and

WHEREAS, she was also instrumental in spearheading Healthy Women, an annual event held under the auspices of Tennova Healthcare Cleveland, and has participated in Pink & Teal in Benton each October to promote women's health; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggins holds a bachelor's degree from Lee University, a physician assistant bachelor's degree from Mercy College, and a physician assistant master's degree from the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving on both the Polk County and Bradley County health councils, Jodi Riggins holds membership with several professional healthcare associations; and

WHEREAS, often duly recognized for her contributions to her field and her compassionate and devoted care, she was named Practitioner of the Year by the Tennessee Primary Care Association in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Jodi Riggins has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty, proving herself a leader for health awareness and an advocate for the most vulnerable among us; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggins is a professional and public-spirited individual of the highest order, and she has made significant, indelible contributions to her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and congratulate Jodi Riggins, Physician Assistant Certified, for more than thirty years of astute service in primary care medicine, wishing her much success and happiness as she enters into her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.